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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL
Hon. James B. Comey, Jr.
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBI Headquarters
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

Re: Rewards for Justice Program

Dear Director Comey:

We are writing on behalf of our client, Tom Lee, to petition for an award under the State Department's Rewards for Justice (RFJ) Program. In 2003, Mr. Lee accurately reported to FBI Special Agent Roberta Gilligan the location of the compound where Osama bin Laden was hiding in Abbottabad, Pakistan, the very location where bin Laden was subsequently found and killed during a raid carried out by members of the U.S. military.

Without the benefit of assistance of counsel, Mr. Lee has been trying for some time to secure the RFJ award to which he is entitled. Having received no responses to his inquiries to various agencies, Mr. Lee has retained our firm to formally request an RFJ reward, a reward to which Mr. Lee is plainly entitled. We explain as follows.

Background

An American citizen of Egyptian heritage, Mr. Lee has a long history of working with U.S. government investigators and providing high-quality information about international criminals, information he acquired over the course of his more than 40-year career as an accomplished international gem merchant. The company Mr. Lee founded, the Gem River Corporation, is a publicly-traded company which has counted

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among its board members the former acting FBI Director and U.S. Deputy Attorney General William D. Ruckelshaus. Pursuant to his work in the gem business, Mr. Lee traveled extensively throughout the Middle East, making business contacts and friends in, amongst other places, Pakistan.

Mr. Lee's history of assisting the U.S. government began in 1986 when he was approached by a corrupt Naval Intelligence officer about laundering money from the Soviet Union that the officer was to receive in exchange for providing U.S. military secrets. Mr. Lee promptly alerted U.S. authorities, and assisted them in apprehending this traitor. Afterwards, he was recruited to assist the U.S. Customs Agency in its investigations of illegal conduct in and around the international gem trade. For almost 20 years, in the 1980s and 1990s, Mr. Lee shared a wealth of credible information with the U.S. government, thereby allowing the government to pursue many successful operations, including operations involving Iran. Mr. Lee's record of providing assistance to the government is available to you by contacting investigators in the Grand Rapids ICE office and is also summarized in the June 2013 video recording of U.S. Customs Special Agent Jack Stowell, a copy of which we have included with this letter on an accompanying CD.

Osama bin Laden's Whereabouts

Special Agent Stowell's videotaped account also documents how Mr. Lee contacted him in 2003 to relay information about Osama bin Laden's whereabouts in Pakistan, and how Special Agent Stowell accompanied Mr. Lee to a meeting with FBI Special Agent Roberta Gilligan in which Mr. Lee conveyed this information formally to the FBI. The meeting with Special Agent Gilligan is further described in the July 2013 video testimonial of Mr. Lee, a copy of which we have also included with this letter.

In particular, Mr. Lee reported to Special Agent Gilligan that he had received a phone call from a Pakistani ISI agent, who was a member of a family that Mr. Lee had known and done business with for decades. The man and his family were opposed to Osama bin Laden and viewed him as a corrupter of the Koran. The man informed Mr. Lee that bin Laden had been in Peshawar and not in Afghanistan, as had been widely believed at the time. The man further described how he had been dispatched on a mission by the ISI to

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relocate bin Laden and his family from Peshawar to a small compound in Bilal, Abbottabad. This is the precise location where bin Laden was eventually located, and killed, in 2011.

After receiving the telephone call concerning bin Laden's location, Mr. Lee promptly relayed that information to Special Agent Stowell, who arranged the meeting with Special Agent Gilligan. As is explained in the accompanying Stowell video testimonial, Special Agent Gilligan prepared a report of the meeting which she shared with Stowell. The government presumably has copies of this report from which you can verify Mr. Lee's and Mr. Stowell's account.

As mentioned above, once Mr. Lee learned that U.S. forces had killed Osama bin Laden in the precise location he had identified to Special Agent Gilligan in 2003, Mr. Lee made numerous attempts to contact the Grand Rapids FBI Field Office in order to claim his reward under the RFJ Program. Unfortunately, all of Mr. Lee's communications to that Office have gone unanswered to date, as has his electronic submission to the FBI via its website.

Mr. Lee's RFJ Entitlement

We respectfully submit that Mr. Lee deserves the full measure of the \$25 million reward available under the RFJ Program. Mr. Lee precisely identified the whereabouts of the most notorious terrorist of our era, a man responsible for the World Trade Center attacks, the most devastating act of terror committed on American soil, and numerous other assaults on Americans. In fact, our understanding is that the program paid \$30 million for information that facilitated the capture of Odai Hussein, certainly a lesser national priority than was the capture of bin Laden.

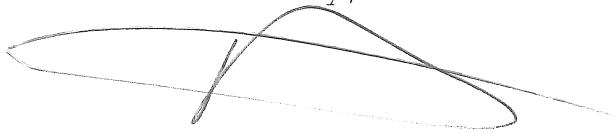
If the RFJ Program is to continue to function as Congress intends (*i.e.*, by encouraging people to provide the government with accurate information concerning threats to our national security), then it is vital that people like Mr. Lee receive the advertised awards when they come forward to provide the FBI with accurate information about high-placed terrorists, as Mr. Lee plainly did.

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We welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and to present any additional information you may need to nominate Mr. Lee. You may reach me at (312) 243-5900. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Michael Kanovitz

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